

# UNITED STATES DIPLOMACY CENTER DESIGN & CONSTRUCTION



**The United States Diplomacy Center (USDC) will be a 40,000 square foot museum and education center**

## The Vision – Blending Old and New:

The two-level state-of-the-art glass USDC Pavilion, scheduled to open in 2017, was designed by architect Hany Hassan of Beyer Blinder Belle to complement the former “Department of War” building where Secretary of State George C. Marshall held office. The transparent glass design allows visitors to see the original facade and Secretary Marshall’s former office.

*The contemporary glass and steel pavilion, designed in deliberate contrast to the solid masonry of the historic existing building, provides an open and welcoming entrance.* – Hany Hassan, Architect

A dual staircase will descend to a concourse-level bookstore, café, and multi-purpose space for functions and gatherings. The Pavilion will be an inspiring addition to one of Washington, DC’s landmark buildings.



## Construction:

On May 1, 2014, the U.S. Department of State and the U.S. General Services Administration (GSA) announced the award of a \$25 million contract to Gilbane Building Company. Funds for the construction of the museum and the fabrication of the exhibits are being raised through a private sector capital campaign.

*As architects, we advance our mission through projects that contribute to our communities, our cities, and beyond. In today's world, there couldn't be a project more meaningful than helping to create the U.S. Diplomacy Center.* – Hany Hassan, Architect

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